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1. On 14 May the Armed Forces Attaches gave a combined Armed Forces Day reception. Included in the guest list were the senior representatives of all the diplomatic missions in Iraq. The Russian Charge' and the first secretary were among those invited. Both the Charge' and the first secretary attended the reception and stayed throughout most of its duration; seemingly mixed generally and were affable.

2. On 18 June the Russian Charge' invited all the U. S. Armed Forces Attaches and the ranking diplomatic representatives of the United States and other countries to a cocktail party and movies at the Russian Legation. The subjects of the movies were children and industry.

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Preparing Officer's Comment: NA has been informed that this is the first time Russian officials in Iraq have attended an Armed Forces Day reception. Also, that it is the first time in several years that Americans have been invited to the Russian Legation except on the occasion of the October Revolution Anniversary.

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